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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: N. WATANABE, et al

Serial No.: 09/599,735

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For: NETWORK-ATTACHED DISK UNIT WITH DATA PROTECTION FUNCTION  
AND SERVER PROTECTING DATA STORED IN NETWORK-ATTACHED  
DISK DEVICE

Group: 2172

Examiner: G. Liang

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

May 14, 2004 Technology Center 2100

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, applicants hereby respectfully petition for an extension of time to permit filing a response within the first month subsequent to expiration of the shortened statutory period set in the outstanding final Office Action dated January 14, 2004. A Credit Card Payment Form authorizing the amount of \$110.00 to cover the required fee for the requested extension of time is attached hereto.

It is respectfully requested that any shortage in the fee be charged to the account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 501.38590X00).

Respectfully submitted,

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